



Partners in Preserving Wildlife

For more than 25 years the U.S. government and private sector have shared scientific and managerial expertise and provided financial support for Indian wildlife conservation. To further this cooperation, the two countries agreed during the visit to India of President George W. Bush that they would work together to combat illegal trade in wildlife and would cooperate on park management, ecotourism, and understanding human-animal conflict. India has agreed to join the Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking, launched by the United States in September, 2005, to focus political and public attention on the problem and improve enforcement of wildlife protection laws. In November 2005, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided a grant for anti-poaching kits to 400 forest guards at the Buxa Tiger Reserve in West Bengal and Manas National Park in Assam. The Service also funded a 2001-03 study of tiger-human conflict in the buffer zone of Corbett Tiger Reserve, and helped develop a visitors' center at Jim Corbett National Park, where this tiger was photographed on November 22, 2005.

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